This letter is the final response to your March 1, 2018 Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request. You requested a copy of the following:

1. Any documents or analyses of the proliferation risks of management of spent fuel from the long-closed German AVR and THTR gas-cooled reactors that have been prepared since August 1, 2013. Such document(s), including memos and emails, may be called such things as a “non-proliferation impact assessment” or could be a memo on “proliferation attractiveness” of the material.

2. All cover letters and attachments to the above documents.

3. Any type of (non-)proliferation assessment(s) of the techniques being developed by the Savannah River Site to digest graphite spent fuel from the AVR and THTR gas-cooled reactors. And, cover letters or attachments to the requested item(s).

Your request was originally sent to the Department of Energy Headquarters (DOE HQ) for processing. DOE HQ transferred your request to our office for processing and it was received in this office on March 14, 2018.

We contacted the National Nuclear Security Administration’s Office of Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation (NA-20) about your request. NA-20 searched and did not locate records responsive to your request.

This decision, as well as the adequacy of the search, may be appealed within 90 calendar days from your receipt of this letter pursuant to 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8. Appeals should be addressed to Director, Office of Hearings and Appeals, HG-1, L’Enfant Plaza, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585-1615. The written appeal, including the envelope, must clearly indicate that a FOIA appeal is being made. You may also submit your appeal to OHA.filings@hq.doe.gov, including the phrase “Freedom of Information Appeal” in the subject line. The appeal must contain all of the elements required by 10 C.F.R. § 1004.8, including a copy of the determination letter. Thereafter, judicial review will be available to you in the Federal District Court either: 1) in the district where you reside; 2) where you have your principal place of business; 3) where DOE’s records are situated; or 4) in the District of Columbia.
You may contact DOE/NNSA's FOIA Public Liaison, Jane Summerson, Acting Director, Office of General Counsel, at 866-747-5994, or by mail at Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Office of the General Counsel, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

There are no charges to you for processing your FOIA request. If you have questions, please contact Erica White by e-mail at erica.white@nnsa.doe.gov, or write to the address at the top of this page. Please reference Control Number FOIA 18-00126-EW.

Sincerely,

Jane Summerson
Authorizing & Denying Official